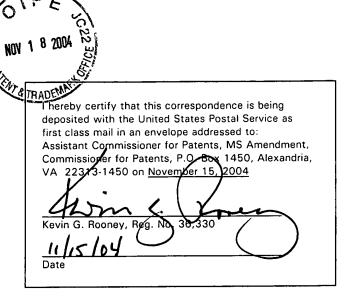
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on November 9, 2004, enclosed is a revised "Amendment to the claims" section of the Amendment filed on October 12, 2004 to replace the one originally filed.

Applicant does not believe that any fees are due in connection with this response. However, if such petition is due or any fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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